

AN ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INITIATION OF A PAY-AS-YOU-THROW OR VOLUME-BASED BILLING COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA.

WHEREAS, Pay-As-You-Throw programs have been proven to increase recycling and divert waste from our landfills, thereby decreasing garbage tipping fees; and

WHEREAS, many of the City of Atlanta's Solid Waste Collection Services are needed on an occasional basis, not a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the City currently requires an appointment for collection of bulk rubbish such as white goods and furniture, and should at the time of the appointment bill the homeowner for that collection; and

WHEREAS, the City currently collects "extra garbage" or "set outs" in addition to the garbage in the very large curb side garbage container, and should charge for that extra volume to be collected by selling bags or stickers with "City of Atlanta" logos to be affixed to each unit of "extra garbage" set out at the curb; and

WHEREAS, the City currently collects yard trimmings in paper bags set at the curb, and the City has never charged for this collection service and should charge for this service if it is to continue; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no charge for bulk and yard trimming collection and the Bureau of Solid Waste Services loses money on such collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

- Section 1:** That beginning July 1, 2008, the Bureau of Solid Waste Services will begin charging the true city collection cost for bulk rubbish collections at the time of appointment, and will cease collecting "extra garbage" outside curbside containers unless affixed with a City of Atlanta logo sticker, and will cease collecting yard trimmings in paper bags unless affixed with a City of Atlanta logo sticker.
- Section 2:** That the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Services shall develop a Pay-As-You-Throw program and sell City of Atlanta logo stickers by September 1, 2008. This program should be developed to cause the logo stickers cost to reflect the City's true cost of collection.
- Section 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.